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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

"Shut the Door" signs are ripe.

And now the Junior Yellow has gone back on its Water board pets. Et tu, Brute.

The frost is on the pumpkin and most of the pumpkin pies offered show signs of it.

The Pittsburg Times has an article on "The Knox Boom in a Nut Shell." That's about the size of it.

If peace is as dull and stupid as the deliberations at The Hague conference, some people will prefer war.

Congress and the Thaw trial are both scheduled for December 2. True enough that troubles never come singly.

Statistics show that there are 6,429,814 Methodists in the United States, not counting ex-Governor Mickey.

The president is being received with true southern hospitality by every-body except Governor Vardaman and the Louisiana bears.

The "Japanese Sarah Bernhardt" has arrived in this country for a dramatic season, but she is not booked for appearance at San Francisco.

One of our amiable contemporaries has been smoked out on the question of consolidating Omaha and South Omaha. Now let the other one speak up.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has decided to go on the stage. She hopes to have better success in elevating the drama than she did in suppressing the dramsmer.

According to testimony in a New York trial, somebody borrowed \$20,000,000 from the Standard Oil company and forgot to pay it back. Not guilty.

Having gotten all of the free advertising out of it, John O. Yeiser will call in his candidacy for a place on the district bench and lay in wait for the next chance.

If the striking telegraphers had not announced that they were determined to continue their strike, the public might have been in imminent danger of forgetting it.

Omaha's building activity shows no signs of let-up, although the season for outdoor work is approaching its end. The year 1907 will be a record-maker in this respect.

That Omaha preacher who declares that he saw 250 women in Chicago drinking from noon until midnight, comes perilously near confessing that he has been in bad company.

Attorney General Bonaparte has decided that it is just as unlawful for southern states to import their labor from other foreign countries as it used to be for them to import them from Africa.

According to the testimony of the purchasing agent of the Standard Oil company, John D. Archbold fixes the price of oil weekly. Let the country congratulate itself on the fact that Archbold does not need any more money than he does.

MR. TAFT'S TALK TO CHINA.

Secretary Taft's courage in talking direct to people in different localities on topics that naturally would be avoided by the timid statesman, has again been demonstrated by his address at Shanghai. He went to Kentucky to discuss in a very frank manner the South's treatment of the negro as a social and political factor, and at Tokio he pointed out to the Japanese some of their national faults that were crying for remedy, at the same time emphasizing the strong features of the Nippon character and government.

Along the same line, he talked with exceeding frankness, amounting to business at times, to the Chinese, calling their attention to the cause of anti-Chinese sentiment in the United States and pointing the way to the successful cultivation of better social and commercial relations.

The secretary of war told the Chinese, as he had already told the Japanese, that this country has no thought of selling the Philippines or transferring them to any other nationality as a source of future complications in the orient.

He told the representatives of the forty-five guilds so recently conducting a trade war against the United States that this country wants better commercial relations with China, will insist upon the open door proposition and, incidentally, will not go out of its way to better social conditions for the Chinese in this country so long as China insists upon discriminating against American merchants.

Perhaps the secretary had some other nations in mind, too, when he expressed the hope that the promised awakening of China would be realized and that the empire would, by development of its resources, gain sufficient strength to resist foreign aggression in the seeking of undue and exclusive proprietary privileges.

The expressed hope is significant, in view of the fact that every foreign power has been planning to share the loot, should the disruption and partition of the empire ever materialize.

It is not a far-fetched conclusion that Secretary Taft undoubtedly impressed the Shanghai officials that the United States would extend its active aid to the rehabilitation of China and at the same time push American interests energetically. It is safe to assert that China can not look for such encouragement from any other power, as most of them prefer to see China disintegrate rather than to catch step with the march of modern civilization and progress.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES.

After having allowed the diplomatic circles at Washington to "view with much concern" for a week, the authorities at Berlin have announced officially that there is no truth in the report that Germany contemplates sending a fleet of battleships to the United States, to show Germany's friendship for this country, which the Atlantic fleet is in Pacific waters. They also announce that an alliance between Germany and the United States, as hinted at in the original report, has never been thought of by the German officials.

It is a little astonishing how anxious some foreign powers have become, in the last eight years to demonstrate their friendship for the United States. The very fact that such is the case is the best reason in the world why this country should fight shy of "entangling foreign alliances." Treaties and alliances, declared or secret, may be essential to the successful management of the relations between European powers, but the United States has no reason for any such agreements.

The nation has become something of a world power since the incident in Manila bay, and has taken part in the Algebras conference, in representation at The Hague, in the settlement of the Boxer troubles in China, and in the accomplishment of the peace of Portsmouth, but nothing has developed to make it necessary for the United States to have an "entente cordiale" with Germany or any other foreign nation. The friendliest possible relations are desired with Germany, but not to the exclusion of France and other powers that are not on any too cordial terms with the kaiser and his people.

In most of the world affairs, the United States can and should occupy the enviable position of interested bystander, friendly to all, but showing favoritism to none.

CASH VS. SAFETY.

The traveling public will not be particularly delighted to learn that the recent widespread agitation for the use of better rails by the railways of the country has thus far resulted only in an apparent deadlock between the railroad companies and the Steel trust over the financial feature of the situation. The railroads, appreciating the additional cost of rails made according to the specifications they have agreed upon, have expressed willingness to pay an increased price of 10 per cent for the rails of the improved pattern. The Steel trust, on the other hand, is standing out for an advance of 25 per cent. In the meantime, nothing is being done to lessen the risk assumed by the traveling public on account of the use of acknowledged defective material in railway roadbeds.

Without getting into technical details, the railroad men demand a rail high in carbon and low in phosphorus, while the railmakers insist that this can not be produced by the Bessemer process, now in general use in rail manufacture, and that the open hearth system will have to be installed before

the new rails can be made. Again, according to the report of the special committee of railroad men that has been investigating the conditions, there is a tendency among manufacturers to use too much of the original ingot in rolling the rails. It is necessary to trim off part of the ingot to rid it of the soft material that gathers there in the casting. Railroad men demand that at least 25 per cent of the ingot be trimmed before rolling, while manufacturers refuse to trim more than 10 per cent.

The public is not particularly concerned with the dispute between the railroad managers and the Steel trust, but it has a vital concern in the quality of the roadbed of the railroads upon which it pays for the privilege of traveling. The lives of passengers are not to be needlessly imperiled on account of any difference between railroads and railmakers as to the price of rails. Public safety demands the most reliable equipment that can be produced and if the railroads and the steelmakers can not agree upon terms and methods, the public authorities will have to take a hand in the matter and establish standards that will reduce the dangers from broken rails and give every possible guaranty of safety.

FIRST SIGNS OF AWAKENING.

The majority of the Water board seem at last to be showing first signs of awakening from the spell that has been cast over them by the great water-logged statesman.

After listening to the advice of interested taxpayers and disinterested business men of Omaha, they have decided not to press the proposition for a \$4,000,000 bond issue to duplicate the existing water works system, at least until after the court shall decide whether the city is or is not bound to purchase under the appraisal made or under a new appraisal.

The majority of the board have with equal wisdom decided to pass up the scheme to issue \$500,000 in a reservoir as an initial step in constructing a new system piecemeal to keep an additional water supply in reserve for emergencies. What good such a reservoir would be under the present conditions is not very clear. Officers of the water company say that the reservoirs at Florence hold water to supply our consumption for a week and that the machinery there has a capacity to pump three times as much water as we are now using.

What is really needed is a second main from the source of supply at Florence to the center of the distributing system in Omaha to avoid dangers in the breakage of the main now depended upon, such as was experienced last year. If some arrangement could be made with the water company to have this second main laid without further delay it would be of advantage to the city, but up to date the Water board has fought shy of this problem and completely ignored all suggestions intended to solve it.

With the water works litigation scheduled for early hearing, the people of Omaha may live in hopes of eventually getting out of the woods, providing the Water board does not in the interval do any more foolish things. The awakened members of the Water board may even reach the point where they will consider the whole situation as a business proposition instead of in a spirit of revenge or retaliation. The money spent on expert engineers to draw plans for a new water system may be charged off to profit and loss.

All the officeholders in South Omaha whose salaries would be cut off by termination of a separate municipal government are naturally against annexation. This puts up to the taxpayers of South Omaha the question whether they maintain their city government solely for the benefit of the officeholders or whether the officeholders are simply incidental to the promotion of the public welfare.

Mayor Dahlgren not only worships William J. Bryan, but he is a warm personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt. Much of the ridicule heaped upon the mayor of Omaha arises from his trying to imitate the president's spectacular stunts.—Craighton Liberator.

This is putting the cart before the horse. Mayor "Jim" imitate anybody? Guess not. It is President Roosevelt who is imitating Mayor "Jim's" spectacular stunts.

If the big and little democratic organs and organettes have any more mean things to say about Editor Sprecher now is the time. Editor Sprecher is a warm admirer of Colonel Bryan and should he support the democratic nominee for president next year he will again become great and good.

A nonpartisan membership of the supreme court is the demand of the fusion combination. Suppose two supreme judges were to be elected in Nebraska this year instead of one. Can you picture the fusion spokesmen insisting that one of the places be conceded to the republicans?

According to the Junior Yellow the Water board and all its members "are proving faithless to the duties for which they are being paid." How come about this eleventh hour discovery? There must be a leak somewhere.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall says he is engaged in solving the greatest riddle of the ages, "What is a child?" Dr. Hall is mistaken. The greatest riddle

of the ages is that pronounced by the New York World, "What is a democrat?"

"The interstate commerce law has no particular effect," says Commissioner Cockrell. The commissioner will have difficulty in bringing either the railroads or the former pass holders to his way of thinking.

The savings bank branch of the British postoffice has on deposit \$760,000,000, belonging to 10,000,000 depositors. Postmaster General Meyer's plan for a postal savings bank has an example in its favor.

Governor Warfield of Maryland wants to go to the United States senate, but says he will not buy his way in. The governor has made quite a record for suggesting innovations in Maryland politics.

This year's corn crop will average thirty bushels for every man, woman and child in the United States. Statisticians have not figured out what Kentucky's share will amount to, in liquid measurement.

A Gotham woman who complains that her rival took her husband and her jewels is not going into court over the affair, but is willing to offer a reasonable reward for the return of the jewels.

A St. Louis woman who achieved some publicity a few weeks ago by getting married by telephone, is now seeking a divorce. Evidently she has discovered that she got the wrong number.

Explorer Lemingwell tells how it took him thirty-five days to mail a letter in the Arctic regions. Some men are longer than that in mailing letters, even in the temperate zone.

What a Spectacle. New York Sun. Mr. Bryan whimpering about "centralization" about as impressive as a child who, his face smeared with currant jelly, warns later comers to the pantry to keep away from preserves.

Where Bears Are Plentiful. Wall Street Journal. President Roosevelt has had no success in hunting bears in Louisiana. His policy is said to have started a lot of bears to roam in Wall street. He might try his luck there.

Marvelous Bookkeeping. Pittsburg Dispatch. We may not be reasonable to blame the Standard Oil officials. Very few of us can remember lending anyone else the sum of \$2,769,000 during the last few years. But it seems important to make an effort and recall the transactions, since the Standard will be able to pay that fine.

Don't Need the Money. Springfield Republican. Some \$5,000,000 of the 4 per cent government bonds maturing on July 1 last are held by holders, while the redemption money could easily and safely be invested to return 5 to 7 per cent. There is always some delay in passing in bonds under redemption, but this pretty nearly beats the record. Under the circumstances it is quite remarkable.

Traditions of a Western Character Rudely Shattered. Cleveland Plain-Dealer. It is generally conceded that the picture of a bad man maturing on July 1 last is slowly passing from the scene, but his former activity. The respect with which his presence was at one time greeted seems to have departed. Even the most exposed frontier community refuses to take him seriously. "If a bad man comes in," said a keen eyed proprietor of a Goldfield roadhouse, "and takes his gun away from him and chucks him into the street. This town won't stand for any melodramatic foolishness." No doubt it is the spirit of contempt that takes all the romance out of the bad man's traditional incursions. To pose before a lot of sneering onlookers is bad enough, but to be robbed of your weapon and flung into the dust of the wayside, is absolutely deheartening. It is almost refreshing, therefore, to note that Tennessee has an example of the genus bad man whose modesty does not prevent him from allying in a carelessly manner to record any achievement he might be proud. According to the story this active citizen has admitted in court that he has killed at least fourteen men during the last ten years. Most of his victims were shot down in Kentucky feuds, but he has dropped them as far away as Chicago. Later on he added that he has a poor memory for times and places it was quite possible his mortuary record could be lengthened out to twenty-five. As far as known this remarkable person failed to enter into any sanguinary particulars, and the exact manner in which the long roll of names and testimonies he made up was obtained is left to the lively imagination of the hearers. A man with a bad memory for names and places can scarcely be able to recall these trifling details.

It is possible that this bad man's memory is at fault in other directions, and he may not be nearly as bad a man as he is said to paint himself. But just at present he seems to be a shining example of a species that is rapidly and happily becoming extinct.

PERSONAL NOTES. Edmund Clarence Stedman was 74 years old on Tuesday, and spent the biggest part of the day in writing of his "Reminiscences." He says: "Most men write the story of their lives at about 60 or 65, but I have waited a good long time."

G. B. Maynard of the United States Department of Agriculture has received a flattering offer to enter the service of the British government in the Transvaal, to superintend proposed experiments in South Africa in the cultivation of tobacco.

Stuart H. Calkins of Baltimore has received \$10,000 for a vitrified ceramic mosaic picture, which contains 2,900 pieces of mosaic and 2,000 various colored tints. It is a record seven years to do the work, and it is the first ceramic-mosaic specimen of art ever attempted in America.

For a wager of \$20,000 Viscount and Viscountess Raoul de Guard have been making a homonymous tour of the world on foot. They left Paris on May 17, 1896, and have arrived at Turin, after traveling 4,250 miles on foot. They walked through England, Norway, Switzerland, Siberia, Turkey, the United States, Spain and Italy.

Luther Wright Mott of Oswego, New York's new state superintendent of banks by Governor Hughes' appointment, is not only a practical banker himself, but the son and grandson of bankers. He has been president of the Oswego chamber of commerce ever since its birth. He succeeded Charles Hallam Keep, now a public service commissioner.

Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, who has just made the most successful aerial voyage ever achieved in a dirigible balloon, has spent many years studying the question of aerial navigation and in his day has constructed many flying machines. He is a member of an old Wurttemberg family, and in his first aerial endeavors was greatly aided by the king of Wurttemberg, both with advice and funds. Count von Zeppelin is 69 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Weydenhauser of St. Paul celebrated their golden wedding in Rock Island, Ill., on Friday. They took the journey to the Illinois city as a matter of sentiment, for it was there they were married fifty years ago. Mr. Weydenhauser is a timber king and is considered to be the richest man in America. His wealth even surpassing that of John D. Rockefeller, and it is estimated that he is worth something like \$1,000,000.

The Way of the Democratic Press

John C. Sprecher, in Schuyler Free Lance.

When John C. Sprecher of the Schuyler Free Lance was a prominent fusionist of the republican press, he was not only a prominent fusionist of the republican press, but he was also a prominent fusionist of the republican press.

The fusionist office holder and during the time he held a few minor positions as a populist the republican press did not say any mean things of him, probably for the very good reason that he was of too little consequence. Sprecher never considered fusion a mighty thing as he has followed the end of the populist movement by it, but like many other populists accepted of it because there seemed to be nothing else to do at that time. The little part he did take in politics and the official experience he had well told him that the so-called reform movement in Nebraska was a fake and it was a combination of spooks. The fusion forces were controlled by a lot of corporation toils and grafters and were ever upheld in their fake reform by the fusion press. The fusion crowd came to a well merited defeat and such party fickleness as this democrat editor is responsible for it, as he even endorsed every act and stood ready to abuse any man in the forum who tried to be sincere and denounce the trimmers and grafters.

The subservient democratic press of Nebraska is the most responsible for the downfall of the "reform" movement. Had that press stood out square by the people and denounced every man in the ranks of the reform, the fusion forces would not have had such confidence as they did in the fake reform, but a miserable, weakly, cringing, subservient press simply encouraged even the betrayal of the people and the weakening of the cause.

The statement that Sprecher is "now engaged in vilifying and slandering" is a lie. Nothing of the kind is done. Mr. Loomis was spoken of as a citizen and man in the best of terms and only his public record was reviewed and criticized, which certainly is proper newspaper work.

The charge of being a renegade is another lie, and the classing with D. Clem Deaver and Fritchard and the reference to appointment under Roosevelt is simply democratic rot, which is so plentiful with the average democratic editor. It comes easy for that Grand Island editorial political lickspittle, whose chief aim in life is to mislead the people through the columns of the democratic press. Reference to the Free Lance as a "dirty sheet" and such statements as "mid-batteries" and "figure, as with the average democrat all not in line with his subservient words always classed that way.

He refers to that one Omaha libel suit, but he is careful not to tell the truth and say that out of a half dozen cases tried, the Free Lance editor won with hands down, and that this one adverse case was carried to Omaha, where a judge instructed the jury and it was on technical points then, and only after witnesses had died or moved away, court records were stolen and perjury practiced in a wholesale manner.

The statement that the word of Sprecher is not good is simply another lie. No man of better than that, and right here at home among local democrats the word of this editor is never questioned.

The Free Lance editor never was a democrat and does not expect to be. He is a populist until he became disgusted with the fake outfit of leaders and quit, not taking any part in any political party for six years now. The Free Lance has been published five years and has with a few exceptions supported democratic candidates. This year the entire local ticket is supported as it was last year and the two years before. In five years only two candidates on the democratic county ticket didates on the democratic county party but whom were supported and those were for reasons, and support by the Free Lance in this country counts. This year the democratic district judicial ticket is supported. Each year the entire state ticket has been supported except as to Sheldon for governor last year and the two years before. It is not surprising that the Free Lance charges on this matter are correct, or if they do, are careful not to discuss it as to its merits or demerits, but under personal abuse of Sprecher as an argument.

We oppose Mr. Loomis because he is not supreme court timber, as he has been a Fremont attorney with a local practice only; has never had any bench experience, while on the other hand Judge Reese has been district judge, supreme court justice and member of the supreme bench. The democratic editors do not look up the public records to see that the Free Lance charges on this matter are correct, or if they do, are careful not to discuss it as to its merits or demerits, but under personal abuse of Sprecher as an argument.

The article quoted above is from the Grand Island Democrat, a miserable sheet that can well lay claim to being the sickliest-looking article in all Nebraska newspaperdom. Anybody who has nerve enough to put that sheet out and lay claim to being its editor has certainly got without measure. Who the editor is, we know not. As to his article, Sprecher never was a

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the charges against Loomis, which were to be met and met right, and not with dirty, low-lived personal attacks on Sprecher, who is not running for office. And just one more thing we want to say to this democratic brigade of lies and dirt throwers, and that is that Sprecher was never turned down in any aspirations for office, because he was never had the political itch. The little official preference he has had came to him unsolicited, and it came several times when it was declined with thanks. And no democrat ever gave anything official nor was he asked to or given a chance to. There are some clean and straight democrats in Nebraska, but the average one, including the average democratic editor, is a political prostitute, who swings easily from Bryanism to Parkerism and is ready to burrah for anything, so it bears the brand.

FLASHES OF FUN. "I gave my husband a surprise party on his birthday." "And was he really surprised?" "Not as much as the guests were. He came home full as a goat."—Cleveland Leader.

Audience—Why so gloomy, old chap? Last night you were having the finest time I ever saw a man have. Gayman—Well, doesn't that explain it, you chump?—Chicago Tribune.

The Manager—I've got a new idea for a melodrama that ought to make a hit. The Writer—What is it? The Manager—The idea is to introduce a cyclone in the second act that will kill all the actors.—Harper's Weekly.

"My dealer did an odd thing when I went to him to get the particular volume I wanted." "What did he do?" "First he booked my order; then he ordered my book."—Baltimore American.

"Of course," said the analytical questioner, "there is a great deal to be said on both sides of the question." "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "Too many of us are getting the idea that all a public question is fit for nowadays is to serve as the topic for a good talk."—Washington Star.

First Chauffeur—Do you look to see whom you run over? Second Chauffeur—Yes, I make a point of seeing the morning papers.—New York Sun.

"You were married before the war weren't you?" "Well, yes, the fighting did start a few weeks after the ceremony."—Smart Set.

WHAT'S COMING TO YOU. Nashville American. What's the use to worry Or to vex your soul. Lest the merry dealer Lend the price of coal? Better be contented. Just because you may Know he will for certain Do it anyway.

What's the use to borrow Trouble in advance. Knowing it will hit you When it gets a chance? Wait its grand arrival To get truly glum; Simply because you know It is bound to come.

Nothing gained by fretting Or by feeling blue. Only makes you thinner And reports are true. Wait until misfortune Hands it to you straight. You will surely respect Can afford to wait.

Might as well be joyful And to sing a tune. Knowing there is trouble In the air is no new. You can always figure You will surely get hit And from every quarter Get the worst of it.

Starch You Can Depend Upon. When doing up articles of fine linen or lace work, or particular pieces of any kind, you need have no fear of poor results, or of harming the fabrics, if you use the genuine. KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO Silver Gloss Starch. It is the one starch to be depended upon for perfect work on every piece every time—has the quality of quality, half a century. Imparts a pearly, white-snow finish, and retains its brilliant lustre so offensive to good taste. Hardest and quickest to apply; most economical; dissolves instantly.

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